

Statement of Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Kardos for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Dale G. Mohlenhoff, on March 5, 2009.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney presented arguments to overcome the non-statutory subject matter rejections and presented arguments distinguishing Applicant's claims from the cited references. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's attorneys also proposed possible amendments.

Applicant's attorney understood the Examiners to tentatively agree that the claims, if amended in accordance with the discussions conducted during the interview, may distinguish over the references of record. The Examiner also indicated that the amendments would require further research of the cited references and an updated search. Applicant herein amends independent claims 11 and 16 to highlight the noted features as discussed during the interview. Claims 12, 13 and 23 are canceled. Claim 24 is new. Accordingly, claims 11, 13, 16-22 and 24 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents.